

WOODWORTH'S PLANING MACHINE.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

RELATIVE TO

Woodworth's Planing Machine.

MAY 14, 1856.—Referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

RESOLVES relative to Woodworth's planing machine.

Whereas we believe the true object of our patent laws to be protection to the inventor, and not the establishment of a monopoly in the hands of speculators in patents that may tax the industrial pursuits of the country, without rendering an equivalent; and whereas we believe the renewal a second time of the patent on Woodworth's planing machine would be a violation of the spirit and design of our patent laws, and fix an unjust and oppressive tax on the mechanical pursuits of the country: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to use all honorable means in their power to prevent the renewal of said patent, upon the application of William W. Woodworth, or any other person in his behalf.

Resolved, That the governor of the Commonwealth be requested to forward copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution to our senators and representatives in Congress.

House of Representatives, May 5, 1856.—Passed.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

In Senate, May 7, 1856.—Passed.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

Approved May 8, 1856.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *Boston, May 18, 1856.*

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original resolves.

Attest:

FRANCIS DE WITT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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IN SENATE
JANUARY 18, 1894

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